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CLAIM AMENDMENTS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for providing a radio with prerecorded messages for programmed playback comprising the steps of:

programming a storage and playback circuitry with a message and message particulars, said circuitry comprising a micro controller and an audio integrated circuit; [[,]]

connecting said storage and playback circuitry between a demodulator and an audio amplifier of a radio to automatically initiate periodic replacement of received radio signals with the message; [[,]] and

inputting a signal from the demodulator to the audio integrated circuit.

Claim 2 (original): The method of claim 1, including the steps of connecting an RDS separator to the radio such

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that signals from an IF amplifier within the radio and said demodulator are input to said RDS separator, and connecting said RDS separator to said micro controller.

Claim 3 (currently amended): An apparatus adapted to be connected to a radio comprising:

a storage and playback circuit, connected between a demodulator and an audio amplifier of said radio; and

a timer to automatically initiate periodic playback of at least one prerecorded message by said storage and playback circuit.

Claim 4 (original): The apparatus of claim 3, wherein said storage and playback circuit comprises a micro controller.

Claim 5 (original): The apparatus of claim 4, wherein said storage and playback circuit includes an audio integrated circuit.

Claim 6 (original): The apparatus of claim 5, wherein said radio includes an RDS separator connected to said micro controller, said micro controller being connected to said

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audio integrated circuit.

Claim 7 (original): The apparatus of claim 6, wherein said RDS separator receive a signal from an IF amplifier and from said demodulator, and said audio integrated circuit receives a signal from said demodulator.

Claim 8 (new): The method of claim 1, which further comprises the steps of:

detecting an RDS commercial in a received radio broadcast; and

replacing the broadcast RDS commercial with at least one of the prerecorded messages from said storage and playback circuitry.

Claim 9 (new): The method of claim 1, which further comprises interleaving at least one of the prerecorded messages into the signal from the demodulator of a received radio broadcast.

Claim 10 (new): The method of claim 9, wherein the at least one of the prerecorded messages plays with the received broadcast.

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Claim 11 (new): The method of claim 9, wherein the at least one of the prerecorded messages plays instead of the received broadcast.

Claim 12 (new): The apparatus of claim 3, wherein said periodic playback by said storage and playback circuit interrupts and replaces a portion of a received radio broadcast with said at least one prerecorded message.

Claim 13 (new): The apparatus of claim 3, wherein said timer comprises a micro controller running a host program to automatically detect broadcasting of a regular commercial message and to periodically initiate playback over the regular commercial message by said storage and playback circuit of said at least one prerecorded message.

Claim 14 (new): A method for providing a radio with at least one prerecorded message for automatic programmed playback comprising the steps of:

receiving a radio broadcast and playing at least a portion of the received radio broadcast;

determining whether an RDS signal is associated with the

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radio broadcast;

upon determining that an RDS signal is present and
detecting a regular programmed commercial in the received
radio broadcast, automatically playing the at least one
prerecorded message instead; and

otherwise periodically playing the at least one
prerecorded message instead of a portion of the received
radio broadcast.